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FM AMEMBASSY ROME

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INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

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SUBJ: GATT ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS - TOBACCO

REF: (A) ROME 6607; (B) MALMGREN-ELY MAY 14 TELECON

(C) STATE 099975

1. MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) REP CALAMIA (DIRECTOR, EC-GATT AFFAIRS) TELEPHONED EMBOFF LATE MAY 14 TO DISCUSS XXIV:6 TOBACCO SITUATION, SAYING THAT INFO FROM BRUSSELS WAS THAT US ALSO INTERESTED IN CONCESSION ON BURLEY AS WELL VIRGINIA (BRIGHT), CONTRARY TO EMBOFFS MAY 13 DISCUSSION (REF A). EMBOFF EXPLAINED THAT EMBASSY'S LATEST INFO (REF B) WAS THAT BOTH TYPES OF TOBACCO WERE OF INTEREST TO US AND THAT BRUSSELS WAS FULLY INFORMED ON USG POSITION. CALAMIA INDICATED HE FULLY ACQUAINTED WITH US REQUEST
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AS PRESENTED IN BRUSSELS.

2. CALAMIA SAID FACT US DESIRED CONCESSION ON BOTH BURLEY AND FLUE-CURED VIRGINIA WAS REAL PROBLEM FOR ITALY, GIVEN SUBSTANTIAL BURLEY PRODUCTION. GOI WILLING DO SOMETHING SUBSTANTIAL ON VIRGINIA DESPITE INCREASING PRODUCTION IN ITALY, BUT TO DO SAME FOR BURLEY PROBABLY IMPOSSIBLE.

3. SENATOR DAL FALCO OF TOBACCO INDUSTRY CALLED DCM MORNING MAY 15 FOR LAST MINUTE READING PRIOR TO INTRA-GOVERNMENTAL MEETING TO DETERMINE FINAL GOI POSITION ON TOBACCO. HE WAS AWARE US ALSO REQUESTING CONCESSION ON BURLEY. DAL FALCO WAS NOT COMPLETELY NEGATIVE, CERTAINLY LESS SO THAN CALAMIA. HE SAID HE WOULD MAKE SOME INQUIRIES TO FIND OUT HOW THINGS STAND AND WHAT CAN BE DONE. DAL FALCO ASKED IF THE COMMISSION OFFER IS TO BE THE FINAL WORD. DCM (DRAWING ON BRUSSELS 3034 REPORTED AS STATE 99984) TOLD HIM THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT PERM REPS ARE BEING ASKED TO DECIDE TODAY MAY 15. VOLPE

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